

Tuesday, October 21 2003

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Washington, DC 20554

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Dear Commissioner Michael J. Copps:

As a media educator, broadcast television viewer and consumer of electronics and computer products, I urge the Federal Communications Commission to vote against the adoption of a "broadcast flag."

What I particularly protest is the potential that the "broadcast flag" has to interfere with the practice of teaching media literacy. The broadcast flag would make it impossible for classroom teachers to bring timely examples of media into their classroom for discussion and analysis. For example, I am preparing a lesson for my class in which we will compare two different local news stations' coverage of the same event. With the broadcast flag in place, we will no longer be able to do this.

Our society should highly value the preparation of its children to become good citizens in a democracy. When the teaching of media literacy becomes difficult or even impossible through technology designed to benefit Hollywood rather than the public, our children will no longer have the skills to intelligently interpret the barrage of media messages they receive. They will not be truly prepared citizens. I urge you to consider the negative implications of the "broadcast flag" for education and oppose its adoption.

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